

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—SENATORS RAGGIO;
AMODEI, BREEDEN, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN,
COPENING, HARDY, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS,
MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER,
TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN GOEDHART; AIZLEY, ANDERSON,
ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER,
CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS,
DONDERO LOOP, GANSERT, GOICOECHEA, GRADY,
GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE,
KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO,
MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON,
MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARNELL, PIERCE,
SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPIEGEL, STEWART
AND WOODBURY

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former state Senator Richard E.
Blakemore. (BDR R-58)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former
state Senator Richard E. Blakemore.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature mourn the
- 2 loss of one of their former colleagues, former state Senator Richard
- 3 E. Blakemore; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Born in 1922, in Parsons, Kansas, and then coming
- 5 of age in southern California, Rick Blakemore joined the United
- 6 States Navy in 1940, served aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga in the
- 7 Pacific Theater during World War II and discovered his love of
- 8 flying in his post as a turret gunner; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Upon his military discharge in 1946, Rick continued
- 10 his flying career by completing high altitude surveys across North



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1 and South America, finally settling in Nevada, where he established
2 the Mustang Charter Air Service in Tonopah; and

3 WHEREAS, Rick was active in his community as a member of
4 the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks, the Masons, the Kerak
5 Temple of the Shrine and the Nye County Democratic Central
6 Committee, and also served on the Nye County Hospital Board and
7 as president of the Lions' Club and the Nye County Chamber of
8 Commerce; and

9 WHEREAS, Serving the residents of the State of Nevada,
10 representing the Central Nevada Senatorial District as State Senator
11 from 1972 to 1984 and as a member of the Legislative Commission
12 from 1979 to 1983, Senator Blakemore's tenure included six regular
13 and two special legislative sessions; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Blakemore was so passionate about states'
15 rights that he is widely acknowledged as the father of the Sagebrush
16 Rebellion; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Blakemore also worked tirelessly for
18 workers' and veterans' issues during his time in the Legislature,
19 clearly where he was ahead of his time in his support of alternative
20 energy, sponsoring multiple proposals to encourage alternative,
21 particularly solar, energy development in Nevada; and

22 WHEREAS, Nevada's political and business communities are
23 saddened by the passing of Senator Blakemore in Hawthorne,
24 Nevada, on December 31, 2007, at the age of 85; and

25 WHEREAS, Rick is survived by his wife of 49 years, Angie, and
26 his five children, Jann Van Horn, Karen Moore and Rick, Brian and
27 John Blakemore, along with nine grandchildren; now, therefore, be
28 it

29 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
30 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Nevada
31 Legislature offer their deepest condolences to the beloved family
32 members of Richard E. Blakemore; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
34 transmit a copy of this resolution to Rick's beloved wife Angie.

